

# Survey Calendar



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Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Habitats / Vegetation</b>	Phase 1 (sub-optimal)			Phase 1 and NVC						Phase 1 (sub-optimal)		
<b>Badgers</b>		Bait marking and sett surveys			Sett surveys limited by vegetation cover							
<b>Bats</b>	Inspection of hibernation roosts			Limited activity	Summer roost emergence surveys and activity surveys				Limited activity	Hibernation roosts		
	Potential roost and internal surveys are possible all year around. Trees are best surveyed in winter.											
<b>Dormice</b>	Gnawed hazel nut search			Nest tube survey from April to November						Gnawed hazel nut search - best from September to December		
<b>Otters</b>	Limited by vegetation cover and weather conditions rather than seasons											
<b>Water voles</b>	Low activity	Habitat survey	Habitat and field signs / activity surveys May be limited by vegetation cover and weather							Habitat survey	Low activity	
<b>Birds</b>	Non-breeding		Breeding birds & migrant/passage species		Breeding birds		Low activity / Specific species e.g. nightjar		Passage / Migrant species		Non-breeding	
<b>Great crested newts eDNA</b>				eDNA survey from mid-April								
<b>Great crested newts conventional</b>	Newts hibernating		Pond survey for adults / terrestrial survey / egg surveys April to mid-June / larvae surveys from mid-May				Habitat and larvae survey		Habitat survey		Newts hibernating	
<b>Natterjack Toad</b>	Toads hibernating			Pond survey for adults, terrestrial & egg surveys			Surveys for adults on land			Toads hibernating		
				Larvae surveys								
<b>Reptiles</b>	Reptiles hibernating		Peak survey months, April, May			Reduced basking time lowers effectiveness of refugia survey		Peak survey month	Limited activity	Reptiles hibernating		
<b>White-clawed crayfish</b>	Reduced activity			Searching Torching Trapping	Breeding Torchlight survey only		Substrate search by hand Torchlight and trapping surveys				Reduced activity	
<b>Key</b>	Surveys recommended			Sub-optimal survey period			Surveys not possible					

NOTE: Survey timings shown are indicative only, and robust evidence gathering will also depend on other factors such as locality and prevailing weather conditions.